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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 5, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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anticipate the instant claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 102(e) rejection over this reference and reconsideration of claims 22-23, 39 and 40.

With this Amendment, Applicants have made an earnest effort to respond to all issues raised in the Office Action of August 5, 2004, and to place all claims presented in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that in view of the preceding remarks, all issues relevant to patentability raised in the Office Action have been addressed. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of rejections over the claims of the present invention. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney/agent would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney/agent of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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